

**To:** R8EISC[R8EISC@epa.gov]  
**From:** Robert A. Fesen  
**Sent:** Tue 8/11/2015 2:56:10 PM  
**Subject:** Recent spill in the Animas River

Dear EPA:

Regarding the toxic spill into the Animas River:  
Nice work, boys!

Let's see...who's going to pay for this?  
Us. And for a long time to come. Both in health and in cost.

Who will get fired?  
No one.

What will it cost to the EPA?  
Nothing....the money will come from us, the people.

Although I live most of the year in New Hampshire, I have homes in both New Mexico and Colorado...so this affects me directly.

Accident or not, you:

- a) did not alert NM government environment people until 24 hours AFTER the spill happened,
- b) mis-calculated the flow (boy, you guys are good!) see news item below. (better metrics of flow measurement?!)
- c) haven't stopped the flow even yet...so the river stays polluted
- d) haven't been honest to the people along the river about the long term (and very long term) effects of this dump.

Sincerely,

-Dr R. A. Fesen  
Dartmouth

-----  
The toxic stew of mine waste that spilled into Colorado waters and turned a river orange last week is three times as large as officials originally estimated.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on Sunday said it used better metrics to determine that agency regulators had mistakenly released 3 million gallons of wastewater laced with heavy metals, including lead and arsenic, into Cement Creek in San Juan County, where it made its way into the Animas River and then Colorado River.